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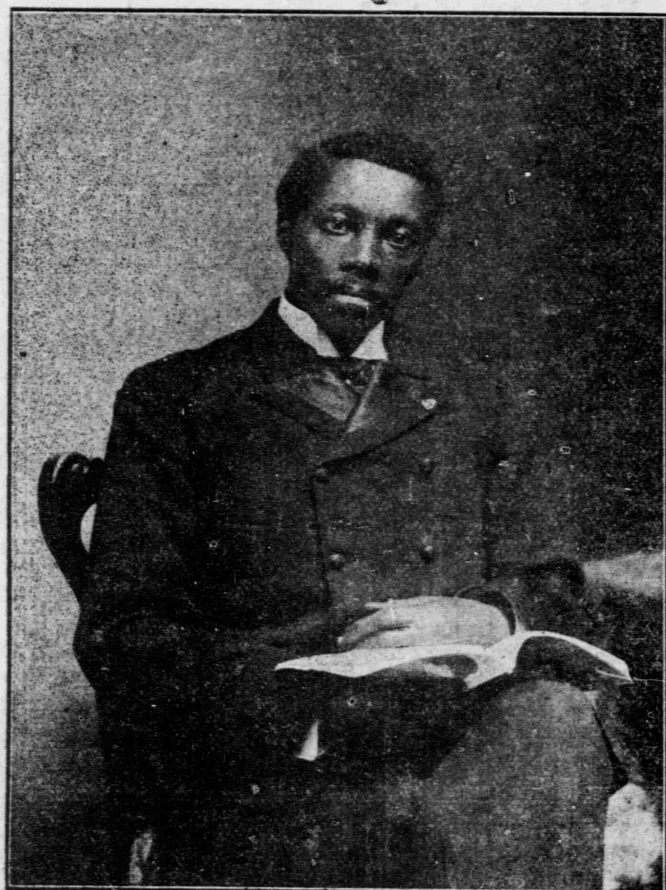
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REV. CHAUNCEY I. WITHROW, D. D.,
Pastor of the Augusta St. Church, Staunton, Va.

A POPULAR DIVINE.

Rev. C. I. Withrow, a Highly Cultured
and Popular Minister.

In Great Demand as a Public Lecturer
and Speaker—Urged by His Mem-
bers and Friends as Delegate to the
General Conference—The Pride of
Staunton.

The Methodist Episcopal Church
South is noted for the large number
of educated, intelligent, eloquent men
of the race who are a part of its mem-
bership. To name the bright par-
can be allotted to this article. With-
out mentioning those who have passed
away, we name a few of them: there
is Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, Dr. C. B.
Mason, Editor I. B. Scott, Rev. A. D.;
P. Alberts, Rev. E. W. S. Hammond,
Rev. I. Garland Penn, and numbers of
others. To this class of leaders be-
long the Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow,
Pastor of the Augusta St. M. E.
Church, Staunton, Va.

Dr. Withrow, though a young man,
has made himself felt not only in his
pulpit but in the high councils of his
church. He is what is known in
church parlance as a successful pas-
tor, one who has the power and mag-
netism and the eloquence to organize
a church, bring its forces together,
and keep peace and harmony in its
congregation. He has been promi-
nently mentioned and urged by his
friends to become a candidate for de-
legate to the next General Conference,
and while he is not taking a very
active part in behalf of his candidacy,
his friends (and their name is legion)
are determined that he shall go.
There is an old saw to the effect that
"a prophet is not without honor save
in his own country." This does not
seem to be true in the case of Dr.
Withrow as the following article
taken from his home paper, The Val-
ley Index, Staunton, Va., will show.

This has been a very busy week for
Dr. Withrow, as well as very brilliant,
so far as happy hits in public speak-

ing is concerned. His lecture at his
own church Tuesday evening on the
"Past Achievements, present attain-
ments, and future prospects of the
Negro," was a masterpiece, and the
town was out to hear him.

We learn that he addressed the stu-
dents at the Virginia Theological Sem-
inary and College, the Baptist school
at Lynchburg, Thursday morning with
great effect for more than an hour, and
later in the day spoke at Morgan Col-
lege, the Methodist school, in that city
with equal success. The Index re-
porter interviewed Dr. Withrow on his
trip, but he had but little to say of him-
self, but spoke very enthusiastically
of the work of the two schools. He
said he was cordially received by Prof.
Hayes and spent the night in his home.
He regards Pres. Hayes as being one of
the most royal entertainers in hos-
pitable Virginia.

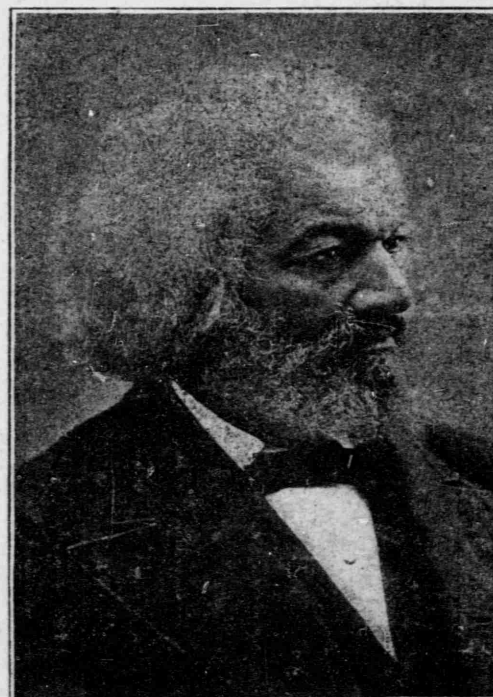
He tells us that Virginia Theological
Seminary is crowded with students and
that he was very favorably impressed
with their ability to grasp the vital
points of his address—puncturing his
speech with vociferous applause from
time to time. He says the colored col-
leges there are doing a splendid work.
He spoke at the Public school in Char-
lottesville on his return and hastened

home to get a few hours rest before
speaking at the Ebenezer Baptist
church in this city, Friday evening
where he had been booked to deliver
the principle address at the Celebra-
tion of Lincoln birthday. The enthu-
siasm over his address shows that
Staunton is justly proud of him.

We learn that some of his minis-
terial brethren are urging him to be-
come a candidate for the General Con-
ference. He informs the Index Re-
porter that while he would naturally
like to be a delegate but did not care
much to enter the race as there are so
many aspirants, and would not unless
he had plausible ground for believing
that his friends would elect him with-
out resorting to questionable methods.
The Index has no axe to grind in the
matter other than this: The General
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal
Church is a great organization compos-
ed largely of the best white brain and
heart in the M.E. Church, masters who
rank with the best and most gifted
of this earth. They are there to legis-
late for a great branch of the universal
Christian church which is a great fac-
tor in the uplifting of our race.

Denominationally we have nothing

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THE LATE HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS,
The Sage of Anacostia.